COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Mint of the United States

AT PHILADELPHIA.

January 17th 1879.

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

Referring to the letter of Acting Director Preston to you, in which he gives an extract from a letter of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, stating that from alterations having been made in the reverse die of the Standard Dollar, pieces now struck were thicker, so much so that in a pile of twenty the heighth was increased one piece, and which letter you were kind enough to show me, I have the honor to say, that I procured from our Cashier twenty (20) standard dollars of 1878, struck, it is confidently believed, three or four months ago, and compared that pile of twenty (20) pieces

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pieces, with ~~twenty~~ a pile of twenty (20) pieces off of a pair of new dies, just put in the press this morning, and also with a pile of twenty (20) pieces off of a pair of dies in use for a day or two, and found the heighth of each pile to be the same. The heighth of each was found to be two-and-a-quarter ($2\frac{1}{4}$) inches.

Very Respectfully
Your Obl. Servant
O. C. Boby Shell
Courier

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Reports no difficulty in piling the silver dollars and no trouble with the dies, as reported at San Francisco Mint.

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The height of each was found to be 2 and a quarter (2 ¼) inches.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
O.C. Bosbyshell, Coiner